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NEW BISHOP WELCOMED

The new Bishop of Dover was installed in a special service at Canterbury Cathedral in front of 1,000 people on Saturday.

The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, formerly the Bishop of Basingstoke, was installed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, during the ceremony.

The bishop, whose wife and daughter were at the service, said that he planned to spend his first weeks meeting residents of the town and surrounding area.

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY NICK AMES

A FUND-RAISING project to get wounded Royal Marines representing their country in the Paralympic Games in London in two years' time is due to be launched in Deal today (Wednesday).

Members of the Armed Forces and their supporters will gather round the town bandstand at 2.30pm, when the first cheque will be handed over.

The man behind the plan is county councillor Alan Marsh.

He said: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if an amputee Marine came home with a gold medal during the 2012 Games?

"This is a different charity because it is focusing on those people in our Armed Forces who have been injured in the current conflicts.

"They are all young men who are in the prime of their lives and have been injured serving this country.

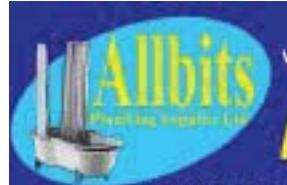
"They may not be able to go into action any more, but being the people that they are they are not going to lie down and die.

"They are still motivated and wanting to prove themselves and test their abilities. The attraction of a possible gold medal is one I am sure they will find inspirational.

"Also, if you are an opponent – how would you like to see one or more of these superfit young men coming down the track?

"If someone has lost part of a leg there is no

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Play the fool or go to knight school at castle this half-term

■ BY NICK AMES

A WEEK of royal mischief and tomfoolery will be on offer at Dover Castle during half-term.

King Henry II's troubadours will descend on the magnificent Great Tower to teach today's youngsters how to ham it up for his majesty – medieval style.

Every day from Saturday, February 13, until Sunday, February 21, 'Fool School' sessions run by costumed historical performers will give children an insight into the importance of entertainment at Henry's court and a chance to take part in a comic play to entertain the King.

Also, youngsters will be able to enter 'Knight School' to learn some of the many tasks a 12th-century knight would have undertaken during years of training – beginning as a page, to learn obedience and courtesy, through to squire, when they can hear how a knight would have used, worn and looked after his weapons and heavy armour.

Worthy and loyal candidates will



MEDIEVAL MADNESS: 'Fool School' and 'Knight School' will be held at Dover castle

be awarded their Indenture of Knighthood and dubbed a knight of the realm by the King himself.

On selected days throughout the week, historical characters will be spilling the beans about the turbulent ups and downs of medieval courtly life in sessions aimed at adults.

The event has a morning and afternoon session each day.

The castle is open from 10am-4pm. Normal admission prices apply: adults £13.40; concessions £11.40; children £6.70; family ticket £33.50.

Admission allows access to all the other attractions Dover Castle has to offer, including Secret Wartime Tunnel tours.

Duo LINK up with NHS board

TWO health-care professionals who are members of the Kent Local Involvement Network are among the first to be co-opted on to the NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Board.

Roy Coles and John Gallimore took up the invitation the day after National LINK Day. This has heralded as a new way of working for the board, which is committed to giving patients and the public a real say in how NHS services are planned.

Lorraine Denoris, director of communications for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, said this was just the start of a new ever-developing relationship.

She said: "We have the joint goal of improving health and social care for our local communities and I know the board is looking forward to the challenge and to working with new

colleagues with different perspectives.

"By using the expertise of the LINK we can commission services that are more tailor-made to what people need and want."

Statistics show people in England will use the NHS an average of 2,153 times during their lifetime, the equivalent of once a fortnight.

Despite this, new research shows only 22 per cent have proactively had a say on how health and care services could better suit their needs.

Kent LINK is run by individuals and community groups and is independently supported. It finds out what the local population wants and monitors local services with the aim of giving people a stronger voice on how their health and social care services are delivered.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jailed over car rage

A MAN has been sentenced to three years for inflicting grievous bodily harm after he drove his car at another man, leaving him with serious injuries.

The 31-year-old victim was struck by the car after being involved in an argument in Northbourne Avenue, Dover, in April last year.

Paul Russell, 41, of Henniker Close, Whitfield, was sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court after pleading guilty.

He was also sentenced to three months, to run concurrently, for drink-driving.

Rail campaign online

AN ACTION group complete with a new website has been set up to press for better rail services for Walmer Deal and Sandwich. Top of their agenda is a demand for the new high-speed trains to stop at Deal.

The campaigners believe there is strong demand for a local high-speed connection and the prospect of getting to London in under 70 minutes is hugely attractive in view of the current journey time of over two hours.

The website has an online petition to prime minister Gordon Brown and can be seen at www.trains4deal.com.

Castle body identified

A MAN found dead in the grounds of Dover Castle has been named as Dutchman Laurens Kemeling.

He was found by a member of English Heritage staff on Monday, January 18, in the moat outside the exterior wall of the castle.

Mr Kemeling, 21, who lived in the town of Ellecom, is believed to have travelled to the UK by Eurostar just over a week before he died.

Licence-dodgers fined

A TOTAL of 670 people in the Dover and Shepway areas were caught without a TV licence last year.

TV Licensing uses detector vans and hand-held scanners to find premises that have not paid the £142.50 necessary to watch televisions.

The Kent area with the highest number of offenders was Gravesend with 683, while across the country 417,000 offences were recorded.

Fines of up to £1,000 can be imposed on people who fail to pay for the licence.

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Plight of young girl too scared to talk in public

■ BY MARIKE COX

WHILE most little girls are difficult to keep quiet, Megan Coleman is the complete opposite – uttering not a single word in public for eight years.

Despite being a typical, happy 11-year-old, the Dover youngster has been unable to speak unless it is to close family members.

She is one of just a handful of children to suffer from selective mutism – a phobia of speaking in public – an anxiety disorder affecting about one in every 150 youngsters.

Megan was just four when she first stopped speaking.

Her mother Karen, 48, told KOS Media it was a small incident while on holiday that triggered the change in her chatty little girl.

She said: "She was in the swimming pool when she spoke to a lady, thinking it was me."

Anxious

"When her dad pointed out that it wasn't me she got really upset. We don't know whether it was this that caused it, but it all seemed to start from there."

By the time Megan was five she wasn't talking at all outside of her home and even then she would clam up if someone other than her mother, father or siblings were present. Even her grandparents never heard her utter a word.

Karen said: "She would talk to us in her normal chatty way, but as soon as someone else was there or she went out in public she would stop talking.

"She had this scared look on her face and she became very anxious.



PHOBIA: Megan Coleman, pictured with mum Karen, was diagnosed with selective mutism when she was aged six

"She never clapped or cried or even laughed when other people were around, or if she was outside the security of our home."

But the youngster was not clamping up through choice.

Karen said: "Her teachers said there were always quiet pupils, but she wasn't talking at all."

"One day someone asked me about it and said it could be selective mutism."

"I'd never heard of it before, but I searched the internet and matched up a lot of the symptoms that Megan had."

Karen and her family were relieved to discover that there was a reason for Megan's silence and she was diagnosed with selective mutism at the age of six.

After Megan not speaking for two years, speech therapist Miriam Jemmett got involved

and a technique called 'sliding in' was used.

Maggie Johnson, the author of the Selective Mutism Resource Manual, said this was a process of gradual exposure.

She said: "Using the 'sliding in' technique you get the child relaxed and start them talking or counting, for example, to their parent."

"A person who they have trouble talking to would wait outside the door and gradually begin to join in counting with the child and parent."

"They would then come into the room."

Ms Johnson, from Margate, says selective mutism is more common than people think.

"There are extreme cases like Megan's or others where a child will speak to children but not adults, or vice versa – it's very selective," she said.

"It is a phobia, which means there is an automatic fear. It can be triggered by a day-to-day event, like in Megan's case with the swimming pool incident, which gave her a shock."

"When children have a phobia such as being scared of the dark, people understand it. But with selective mutism they don't and so they ask the child why they aren't speaking, which puts even more pressure on them."

Ms Johnson said it was about trying to understand and explaining to the child why it had happened.

In Megan's case, speech therapy means she is now able to speak a few words and has gained a place at a grammar school.

Mum Karen said: "She's definitely improving and we just hope that one day she will be able to overcome this, but we'll have to wait and see."

"We try not to let it affect us. Megan is still a typical little girl who loves her ballet, tap and cheerleading."

Megan's case was explored on Monday in BBC One documentary *My Child Won't Speak*.

Sad end for Churchill

THE landmark Churchill Hotel on the seafront at Dover has closed its doors.

It was once a prestigious place where Prince Edward stayed and has also been used by TV's Jeremy Clarkson.

Owner Best Western Group said it closed down because of financial difficulties.

The local business community has regarded the move as a major blow as Dover seeks to regenerate itself, especially along the seafront area.

Chinese food of love

A SPECIAL Valentines buffet is being held at Chapter Eight Chinese restaurant in Dover town centre.

Owner Tony Tsui is hosting the night at the King Street venue as part of the launch of Chinese New Year on Sunday, February 14, from 7.30pm.

Guests will be treated to entertainment and music and a selection of Chinese food. Tickets cost £22.50.

To book a ticket, call 01304 219888 or go to www.chaptereightdover.co.uk.

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Track events are 'real goal' for our injured marines

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reason why, with aid of modern technology, they cannot take part in track events. It will give people who have been injured a real positive goal to aim at."

Deal has been chosen as the launchpad for the project because of its long history of association with the Royal Marines.

But the project has also attracted attention from other branches of the Armed Forces, with representatives of the RAF and the Gurkha Rifles set to attend today's event.

Veterans groups will also be present, along with current members of the Royal Marines and several recently invalided out of the service.

In the Beijing Paralympic Games Great Britain came second in the medals table behind hosts China with a total of 102 (42 golds).

Despite this success, funding for the Paralympic Association was recently cut from £4.29 million to £1.86m.

Cllr Marsh said: "We will be presenting the first cheque on Wednesday, then hope that the fund-raising campaign will take off across Kent and further afield."

Other countries actively look to wounded service personnel to take part in the Paralympics. The US even runs a Government-sponsored Paralympic Military Programme aimed at the Marine Corps.

LD Lines moves the Norman Spirit from Dover to Ramsgate

THE LD Lines ferry Norman Spirit, which is currently running from Dover to Boulogne, is to be transferred to the Ramsgate to Ostend crossing and renamed in March.

The vessel will be called the Ostend Spirit when it undertakes its new duties.

Meanwhile, a new LD Lines ship – currently called Brave Merchant – will ply the Channel between Dover and Boulogne under a new name yet to be decided.

Current Norman Spirit crew will either transfer on to the new run or take their place on the new ship.

The move follows an agreement between LD Lines and Ramsgate-based TransEuropa Ferries.

LD Lines managing director Christophe Santoni said: "We are pleased to announce this development, which will combine the considerable expertise of both companies.

"For LD Lines it will further expand our ferry service network and we can now offer the market an extensive choice of routes from the west to east across the English Channel to France, and now to a

northern-located port in Belgium.

"The port of Ostend geographically is very well placed to attract new business from the Benelux countries, Germany and Eastern Europe."

The new Dover service will utilise a 22,152-tonne vessel that was built in 1999. It has a capacity of 2,000 metres for freight and can take 400 passengers.

Passengers

The company says it will allow for more freight to be carried, although passengers will still be accommodated.

Dominique Penel, the general manager of Transeuropa Ferries, said: "This makes good economic sense for both companies in relation to moving the service forward."

"Transeuropa has established an excellent, solid freight business via Ramsgate-Ostend since we began in 1998 and now, with a larger ship, we have the potential to improve the level of service to our freight customers, while also developing the tourist traffic through LD Lines's passenger marketing resources."



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Lifeboat crew cover 74 miles in challenge

A TOTAL of 142 miles on an exercise bike, rowing and running machines was the distance 'travelled' by the volunteer crew of the Dover lifeboat during their SOS Support Our Sports triathlon challenge.

Excellent support from the public saw collection buckets filled to the brim with £1,448.30.

The crew's target was to travel the equivalent distance of Margate to Hastings, the eastern and westernmost members of the Confederation of Cinque Ports.

This had been calculated to be 68 miles, but the crew did so well that by lunchtime they had 'reached' Hastings.

Determined to carry on, the crew eventually finished having travelled another 74 miles – the equivalent of reaching Shoreham-on-Sea in West Sussex.

BBC Radio Kent presenter John Warnett joined his BBC colleague and Dover lifeboat crew member Steve Ladner for the triathlon and ran several stints.

Lottery millions claimed

A GIANT Lottery jackpot of more than £3.7 million has finally been claimed by someone from the Dover district.

Last month, we reported that the owner of the winning ticket from the draw of Wednesday, December 2, had yet to claim their prize of £3,786,303.

All that was known was that the ticket – which had the winning numbers 2, 19, 22, 25, 34 and 47 – was bought in the Dover district, which as well as the town itself includes Deal, Sandwich and surrounding villages.

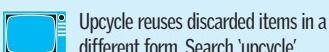
Now someone has come forward for the money and the claim is going through the process of validation.

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Calais offers support for undersea metro

■ BY NICK AMES

A NEW metro-style commuter train running from Calais to Kent could be in place by the start of the 2012 Olympics, according to French civic leaders.

Pas-de-Calais councillor Dominique Dupilet said the trains could run on the high-speed rail link, stopping in the French town before travelling on to local stations.

A spokesman at Kent County Council said proposals were outlined in the authority's Integrated Transport Strategy, which is part of the Unlocking Kent's Potential programme.

"It's part of the transport strategy for the next 20 years," he said.

He added that it was one of a number of plans outlined for the county. M. Dupilet said negotiations with his counterparts in Kent were under way, with the trains using the high-speed international Eurostar lines.

Eurotunnel, the company which earns revenue from trains passing through, said it had been approached by both local governments about the project.

But a spokesman said it was still in its early stages and no decision had been reached.

The cost of the multi-million-pound project would be met by the respective local councils, which are expecting to enjoy a huge increase in revenue from people using Kent and the Pas de Calais as a base for tourism – especially for the 2012 Olympics.

The metro trains would be far more frequent than Eurostar, which only stops at stations such as Lille, Calais and Ashford infrequently. "Our region and Kent are in negotiations," said M. Dupilet.

"It's a metro which will be very useful given the threats to the Eurostar's regional service."

"The line will start from Lille, then stop at Calais, Ashford and London. The English are very keen, especially since Ashford station is threatened. We are very keen, too."

"But in order for the line to be rented, we have been told that the train has to leave from Lille. Frankly, negotiations will be over in time for the Olympic Games, but I would like the metro to last well beyond the Olympics."

The scheme follows a move by the French to cash in on the London Olympics by rebranding their region "part of Britain" – a move that has attracted criticism. But the ploy has helped land contracts with a string of foreign teams to train in France ahead of the 2012 Games.

Boulogne and Calais now claim that Britain no longer stops at the white cliffs of Dover.

"I consider that we are the south of England," said M. Dupilet.

"And because we're the south of England it's normal that we would associate ourselves with this extraordinary event."



TOUGH CALL: The talented young cast of Playground are hoping for success at the Dover Film Festival

'Oscar' awaits festival winner

AN 'Oscar' is up for grabs for the winner of the 2010 Dover Film Festival's Best Short Film competition.

Entries in the Best Documentary Short Film and Best Fictional Short Film will be vying for a replica Academy Award.

One of the films in the fictional section is Playground, made by Canterbury Christ Church College student Tom Shepherd.

The film, shot in Faversham in February last year, caused a stir when the police were called after a concerned passer-by thought the scenes of a policeman being clubbed to death were real.

Uninvited, by Astor student Helen Vidler, tells the story of a young man struggling to come to terms with the death of his girlfriend and his mother's attempts to help him.

Other fictional shorts are Panic To A Ridiculous Death, by Rubin Stein, and A Quiet Night In, by Roger Barker.

The two entries in the documentary section are Blériot Celebration Flight, by Eric Montagu, and The Hollingsbee Collection, by Kathleen Hollingsbee.

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A TALL ORDER: It's all smiles after Gurkha engineers complete the relocation of the replica medieval trebuchet

Castle catapult 'jigsaw' moved by the Gurkhas

GURKHA military engineers have dismantled and re-erected the huge catapult that used to stand beside Dover Castle's Great Tower and moved it to a new location near the outer walls of the fortress.

The task saw the soldiers get to grips with a replica of medieval military hardware and took two weeks to complete.

The Gurkhas, renowned for their bravery and strength, were invited to help move the catapult by Brigadier Iain James OBE, Deputy Constable of Dover Castle.

H Troop, 69 Gurkha Field Squadron, who are based in Maidstone but were quartered in Folkestone for the duration of the task, carried out the work and relocation as part of their training.

Steve Lang, head of visitor operations at the castle, said: "We were delighted the Gurkhas agreed to help us with this unique task."

"The catapult is nine metres tall from the

■ BY NICK AMES

top of its arm and was dismantled screw by screw, with the pieces carried by hand to the new location.

"It was a huge job – similar to taking a giant jigsaw puzzle apart and putting it back together again."

Gurkha Staff Sergeant Man Ale said: "It was a bit of a strange task but all part of military engineering. These are the skills we have and we like to take on new tasks."

During the siege of 1216, giant stone-throwing engines (or trebuchets) were used by medieval soldiers to bombard the castle walls with missiles.

After the recent transformation of the Great Tower into a replica of the lavish court of Henry II, the catapult is now on a site closer to where the originals were used.

Mr Lang said: "We received quotes from civilian companies about this work."

"All agreed they could take the thing apart, but the Gurkhas were the only ones who were confident they could put it all back together again."

Crushing blow against old bangers

FORTY abandoned and untaxed vehicles were removed from the streets of Dover and the district at the end of last month.

Operation Cubit was carried out by the police in conjunction with the local authority and the DLVA.

The operation has contributed to a big fall in the number of abandoned and untaxed vehicles across the county.

Once removed from the streets, abandoned and untaxed vehicles are taken to a compound.

Vehicles not reclaimed can be destroyed. Owners have to pay a minimum of £100

fine, plus a £160 refundable surety fee to reclaim their vehicle, plus a storage fee of £21 per day.

Nadeem Aziz, chairman of the Dover Community Safety Partnership, said: "We continue to work closely with all our partners to make sure the district remains a safe place to live, work and visit."

"Operation Cubit continues to be a great success, removing untaxed and abandoned vehicles from our streets as quickly as possible."

To report an abandoned vehicle in the Dover district, phone 01304 872428.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MP has high laptop hopes

HUNDREDS of families with school-age children in east and south Kent could benefit from a new scheme offering a free laptop and broadband access, according to a Kent Labour MP.

The scheme, launched by prime minister Gordon Brown and schools secretary Ed Balls, will mean thousands of children and their parents will be able to get internet access at home to boost their school work.

Thanet South MP Dr Steve Ladyman is urging parents to check whether they qualify under the Home Access programme.

Families with children in years three to nine at school and eligible for free school meals can apply by phoning 0333 200 1004 or visiting www.homeaccess.org.uk.

Dr Ladyman said: "Computers are now as essential a part of education as books, pens and paper. That's why I welcome this new scheme."

Guaranteeing a fair Deal

DEALS recognition as a Fairtrade town by the national foundation followed a lengthy campaign by enthusiastic local volunteers backed by Deal Town Council.

Many shoppers are already familiar with the growing range of Fairtrade products, aimed at guaranteeing a fairer deal for producers, many based in the developing world.

Supporters are now looking forward to Fairtrade Fortnight (February 22-March 7), with events being planned to further raise awareness.

This and other initiatives will be taken into account when Deal's Fairtrade status is reviewed in a year's time.

Bin those butts and gum

CIGARETTE-end and chewing-gum bins have been placed in Market Square, Dover.

The district council has installed the three double-sided bins to discourage littering and improve the environment.

Nigel Collor, cabinet member for access and property management, said: "Following requests, we are pleased to trial these dedicated cigarette-butt and chewing-gum bins in Dover town centre.

"We will continue to work to improve our district's streets."



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SUPPORT: The Young Person's Independent Sexual Violence Advisor will help to give abused children a voice

Grant will provide dedicated support for young rape victims

A CHARITY supporting Kent's victims of rape and sexual violence has secured funding for Britain's first-ever children's independent advisor.

The new position means young people who have suffered abuse at the hands of rapists and paedophiles can access specialist, confidential support solely for youngsters.

Gravesend-based Family Matters was able to make the provision thanks to a grant of £64,000 from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Malcolm Gilbert, operations director at the charity, said the new Young Person's Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (YP-ISVA) was vital.

He said: "Of the 200 rape victims we see, a quarter are aged 12 to 16.

"By offering this help we are filling a gap which has never been done before for children."

Mr Gilbert added that as well as

■ BY MARIJKE COX

being awarded the grant, the partnership between Family Matters, the Crown Prosecution Service and Kent Police through the Kent Criminal Justice Board had made real changes to victim support.

The organisations are also working with the UK Border Agency to help deal with young girls who have been trafficked for the sex trade.

Rebecca Masey, who has taken on the YP-ISVA position, will offer tailored support to children and young people who have suffered rape or sexual abuse and act as a gateway to the charity's therapy service.

Risk assessments will take place to ensure further victimisation is stopped. The focus will be on hard-to-reach groups and youngsters less likely to come forward for help. Close family members of victims will also receive support.

Deputy Chief Constable Adrian

Leppard, who chairs the Kent Criminal Justice Board, said he was sure that the specialist service would also help secure convictions.

"Through this role, vulnerable and emotionally-scared children will get more of the help and support they need and deserve," he said.

One person who knows only too well the need for services like Family Matters is 24-year-old Sarah (not her real name).

Last August she was raped by two men after her drink was spiked. Speaking about her ordeal to KOS Media, she said she would not have been able to cope had it not been for the Adults' Independent Sexual Violence Advisor.

"It's important children are helped too," she said. "I wouldn't have been able to get through this without the counselling."

"I would just say to anybody, don't hide it. Come forward and get help."

For more information, go to www.familymattersuk.org.

Artifacts saved as fire museum made homeless

THE Kent fire service museum urgently needs a new home.

Fire chiefs have reluctantly been forced to move it from their Maidstone headquarters and are now hunting for a new location to house the collection.

Fire service historian Roger Mardon, from Canterbury, said he was sad about the closure but delighted his campaign to keep the collection together had been successful.

He said: "In my view, the museum should preferably be maintained at service headquarters, but if that were not to be it is important to preserve the collection intact."

"There was unanimous support [at the Kent Fire and Rescue Authority's planning and performance committee] for the principle of keeping the collection together."

"A project team, including representatives of the interested parties, is to be established to develop plans for a virtual [online] museum and for rehousing the artefacts."

Committee chairman Keith Ferrin made it clear it was not the intention to close the existing museum straight away and he undertook that everything possible would be done to rehouse the collection in one place.

"While it is disappointing the museum will have to move, I am encouraged by the support for keeping the collection together. Every effort must be made to find somewhere this can be done."

The museum opens one day a week and includes artefacts including videos of fire, photographs and a hollowed-out tree trunk used as a water main.

A fire service spokesman said: "We have teams of staff who need to be located at our HQ to run the service and we do not have room to house them."

"This means we have to look at all options and freeing up space taken up by the museum has to be considered."



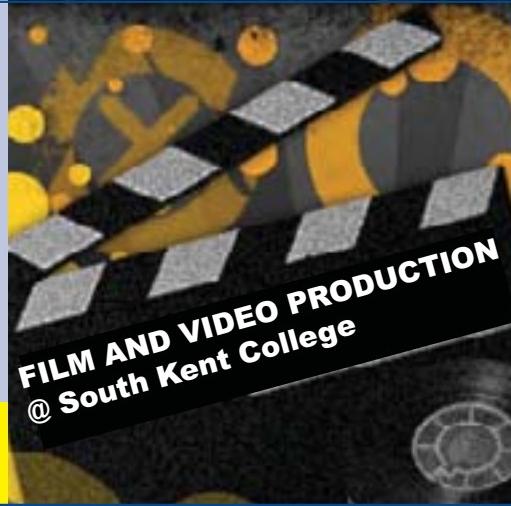
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Q&A

The co-founder of the Dover War Memorial Project speaks to **James Alexandre** about the life of Walter Tull, rediscovering the area's historic connections and what the younger generation can learn from the past

Q Tell us something about yourself.

A I spent almost all of my working life with the BBC. So I am never happier than when I have a camera in my hand. I find people fascinating – everyone has different interests and a story to tell.

Q How did you first hear about Walter Tull?

A Walter Tull's name was one of some 800 on Dover Town War Memorial. I wanted to solve the mystery of why someone who had been born and lived in Folkestone is commemorated on our memorial in Dover and also on the parish memorial at River. My colleague Maggie discovered the many connections Walter has with Dover. Among them are that his sisters and step-parents lived at River and that his mother's family have been recorded at Hougham since the 1600s. Members of Walter's family still live in Dover. Walter's ancestry is published on Dover's Virtual Memorial at www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk, so anyone who thinks they may be connected can check there. Do let us know if you are.

Q What first made you get involved in the Dover War Memorial Project?

A Maggie and I were attending the Service of Remembrance in November 2005 at the Dover War Memorial. Maggie is a Dovorian and has relatives on the memorial. We realised

that as years passed we might no longer know who all the people commemorated were. We determined to find out and record as much as possible. Sadly there are many more Dovorian casualties than are remembered on the memorial or in the Second World War Book of Remembrance.

Q What are the aims of the Dover War Memorial Project?

A To remember with honour and respect all those Dovorians who died in both world wars of the 20th century and their families. To ensure that future generations remember the sacrifices and bravery of their forebears. To inform and to bring people together; we love hearing from you. We visit relatives of casualties, hold public events and answer a variety of queries.

Q How important a role model do you believe Walter Tull is to Folkestone and Dover?

A Walter Tull was brought up with strong faith and family values – he overcame many adversities to attain success in two team-working careers. He portrays hope and inspires us by his self-sacrifice, dignity and integrity of character.

Q What do you think the younger generation can learn from this history?

A It's essential our younger people should understand the meaning of and respect for

Remembrance. A good way of introducing such concepts is by learning about people who lived during these times.

Q Are there other historical figures or events connected with the area you are hoping to explore?

A There is so much to discover – unknown stories, like Edith Johncock's, a nurse in the Great War who became a POW in Palestine, or the unrecognised Great War civilian casualties. This is especially pertinent in Dover, where the first bomb fell on English soil on Christmas Eve 1914, and in Folkestone, where 60 people were killed in Tontine Street alone at Whitsun 1917. This year we hope to create further educational material about a local casualty as unique as Walter Tull, but that depends on getting the funding.

Q How can people find out more about the project and get involved?

A I urge anyone with information about a Dover casualty to contact the project. People can join the Friends Of The Dover War Memorial Project, or sign up for their quarterly e-newsletter. Everyone who works on the project is a volunteer; across the world they do a variety of tasks, such as transcribing or visiting and photographing graves (maybe something that could be fitted into that next holiday abroad?). Or please help by sending a donation. There is more information on www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk.

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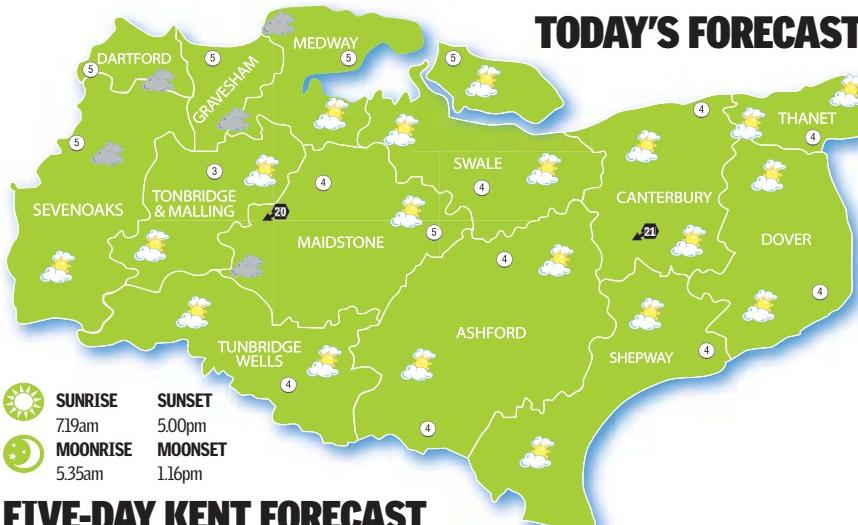
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Migrants on course for UK in clash with French police

FRENCH riot police have been involved in a stand-off with a group of migrants trying to get from Calais to the UK.

About 90 migrants spent the night at a hangar after the No Border group sent word it was offering shelter in the town, which is mostly used by migrants trying to get into Britain via Dover or the Channel Tunnel.

"The police are allowing the migrants to leave but not enter" said Rodolphe Nettier, a member of a separate group called SOS.

About 75 anti-riot police and other reinforcements were deployed to help officers blocking the entrance to the shed. Police set up a security cordon around the building.

Green light for final stage of plans for new hospital

THE go-ahead for the final planning stages of the new Dover community hospital to be built on the Buckland hospital site has been given.

The East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust Board says the decision to progress the planning application is dependent on a clean bill of health for the site, although initial investigations have already revealed that the risk of contamination is low.

Foundation trust chief executive Stuart Bain said: "This is an important project for the trust, the people of Dover and the surrounding districts, and after the delays caused by the potential flooding on the mid-town site the board is keen to make sure we are able to progress the work."

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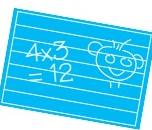


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TWO Folkestone schools have announced plans to link up to improve the quality of education and support to their students.

Pent Valley Technology College in Surrenden Road and St Mary's Church of England Primary in Warren Road have begun consulting with parents about the tie-up, which would take effect from September 1, 2010.

Head-teachers Mario Citro, of Pent Valley, and John Bird, of St Mary's, believe the public debate may raise wider issues about the best way to provide the highest standards of education and care for students.

Flexible

A statement issued on behalf of both the schools' governing bodies said: "In many respects, we regard our proposals as very modest, but they are underpinned by a radical and exciting concept, which can be developed by all organisations concerned for children, from birth to adulthood.

"Schools as organisations within the British state system began in the 19th century.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

Now in the 21st century, we require a more flexible system designed to meet the needs of children growing up in the modern world.

Both St Mary's and Pent Valley share the view that schools must adapt to meet the needs of today's children and not look backward to a so-called golden age of schooling by trying to revamp systems of the past."

The governors said the schools had shared values based on "faith, community, responsibility and identity" that complement today's modern technology.

They said: "In this bold but essential venture, we aim to try to create a joined-up local system of education and support for the young people of Shepway."

St Mary's is being transformed thanks to a £2 million scheme that started in October to provide better classrooms.

A new building will be put up between the existing infant and junior classes, effectively creating one school building.

This will create two full-sized classrooms, a library and a reception area.



PROPOSALS: Staff and pupils of the two schools would join together to create a 'joined-up system of education'

BREAK TIME

Parents go online to apply for places

MORE than 13,000 families applied for their child's primary school place online.

Kent County Council received 11,737 online applications for reception year, almost 80 per cent of all expected applicants, and 1,829 online applications for year 3, equal to 73 per cent.

This is a big increase on last year, when 5,966 or 40 per cent of online applications were received for reception year.

Sarah Hohler, the county council's cabinet member for children, families and education, said: "KCC has tried to make sure that this facility is available to all parents."

Kent's school admissions website is www.kent.gov.uk/ola.

Non-uniform day to feed Haiti children

DOVER College pupils organised a non-uniform day last month to raise money for a charity that feeds children left homeless by the Haiti earthquake.

A total of £1,380 was raised on Wednesday, January 20, towards the work of Mary's Meals. The international movement sets up school feeding projects to prevent poverty and hunger.

At the time of the earthquake the charity was feeding 12,000 children, more than 6,000 of them in the Cite Soleil slum. The seven schools in Cite Soleil have been damaged but not destroyed.

Mary's Meals will help repair these schools, support their pupils and assist with the wider recovery.

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And they're not happy: Zeus' lightning bolt has been stolen and Percy is the prime suspect. Even more troubling is the sudden disappearance of Percy's mother. As Percy adapts to his newly discovered status as a demi-god (his father is Poseidon), he finds himself caught between the battling titans of Mt Olympus. He and his friends embark on a cross-country adventure to catch the true lightning thief, save Percy's mom and unravel a mystery more powerful than the gods themselves.

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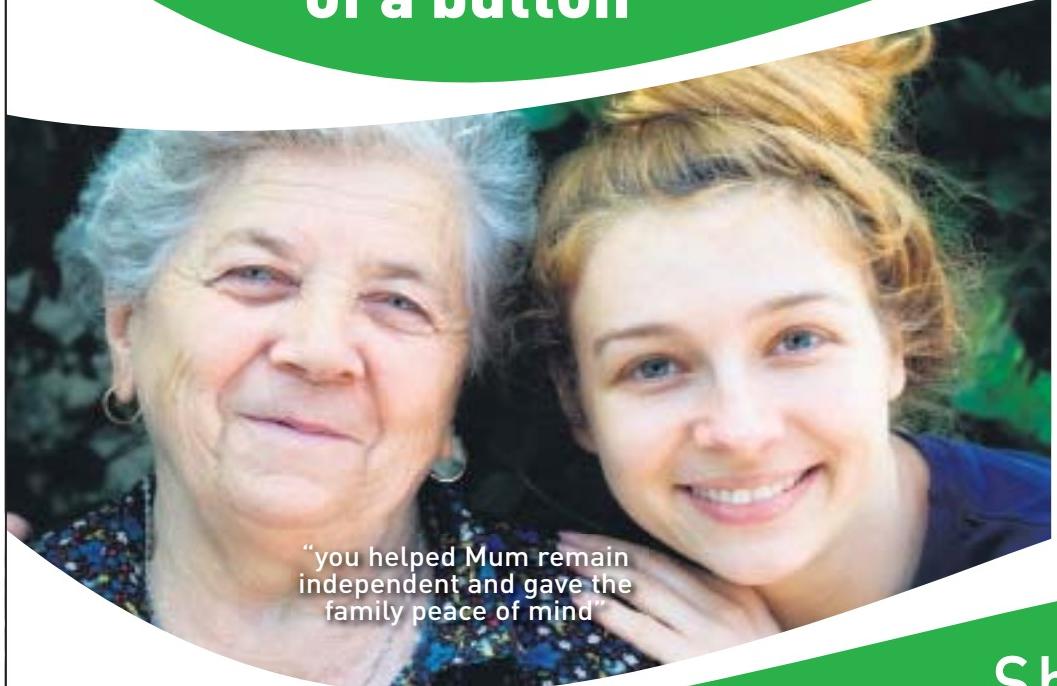
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One MP is using the iPhone to stay in touch with his voters, but it won't catch on, says Gary Wright



Why most MPs aren't really ready for the superhighway

FANTASTIC story this week about MP Derek Wyatt, who has launched the iPhone* app to let his constituents stay in touch with him.

For those of you unfamiliar with the technological wizardry, it means simply that using your iPhone* (you all have one, don't you?) you can contact Sittingbourne's Mr Wyatt and interact any time.

I admire Mr Wyatt (or 'two pork pies and a Scotch egg' as he's affectionately known after the expenses debacle) for taking up the challenge of bringing new tech to the masses and I honestly wish him well in his quest to engage even more closely with his constituents.

Unfortunately, I forecast a rush to the Apple Store by the ten-or-so constituency nutters – that plague every MP – so they can back up their weekly letters to Mr Wyatt.

Even the biggest Luddite must have heard of the Apple app? If you believe the ads on telly the iPhone* can be made to do anything and,

while it might not make the tea, there is probably an app that tells you how to make the perfect cuppa (and probably some information about blending).

But times really are a changin' and our MPs will do anything to get down with the kids and interact – whether they are Twittering (another social network craze for those too lazy to write more than 20 words at a time) or guessting on any TV show that claims viewers under 25.

There is a part of me, a very small part, that believes MPs really do wish to make the world a better place and to give a voice to their constituents no matter how marginalised.

Mr Wyatt (who already runs a good website) said: "I certainly hope that now people know it can be done, and that citizens want to engage in this way, my colleagues at home and abroad take this idea and make it even better for their constituents."

The app was written by public-sector digital agency Public Zone and is available free of charge from the Apple iTunes store.

Public Zone intends to roll out the MyMP

app, which also integrates with Google Maps, to other MPs this month.

I wish Mr Wyatt well, but I foresee a slight problem with his fellow MPs.

Modern technology is pretty damn clever. The iPhone* is a very smart piece of kit. But because of their GPS abilities and the marvel of Google Maps (from satellite pictures right down to a picture of your front garden just from a postcode), the iPhone* can tell you exactly where you are. Oh yes, and it can tell everyone else exactly where you are.

Brilliant for parents who want to watch their kids (but who'd trust them with a 500-quid phone?), but not perhaps for your average MP.

Do they really want people to know exactly where they are every minute of the day?

I suspect not... far too risky, though I guess they could always leave their iPhone* in the House of Commons on answerphone while they slipped off to do other things.

* Other smartphones are cheaper: Google Nexus, Nokia N900, HTC Hero, but they haven't the hype (or such a successful App Store).

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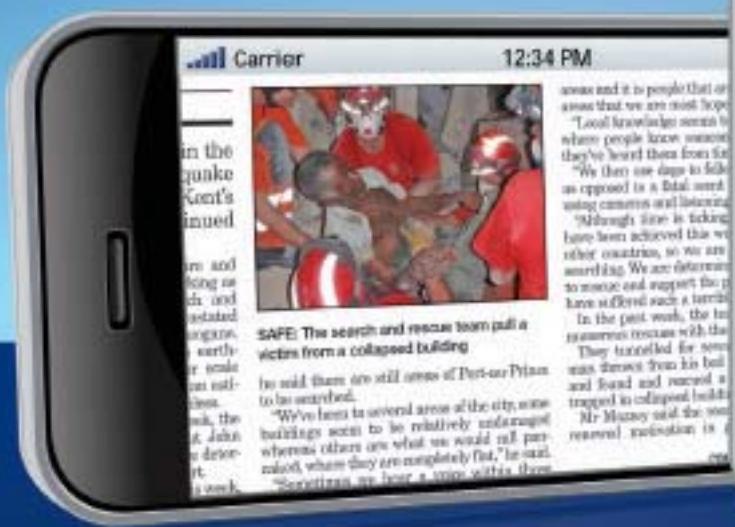
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Homes should cash in by generating their own electricity

DEMAND for solar panels is set to soar after the Government announced a support scheme allowing householders to make an income from generating their own power, a renewable-energy researcher has predicted, writes **Jenna Pudelek**.

Kent Green Party member Steve Plater said he was planning to install a photovoltaic (PV) system on the roof of his Sevenoaks home that will convert solar radiation into enough electricity to meet three-quarters of his needs and save about £500 a year in energy bills.

Energy and climate change secretary Ed Miliband unveiled the new scheme this week; it will see 'feed-in tariffs' (FITs) paid to people, com-

munities and businesses who generate electricity from solar panels, wind turbines or other renewable sources.

PV panels on household roofs will get a higher feed-in tariff and all will be up-rated with inflation each year.

Mr Plater said that after his system was installed he would make about £1,000 a year in payments as a result.

"Anyone who has got money sitting in a building society account would get a much better return by investing it in solar electricity," he said.

The Government said the sector would supply two per cent of the UK's electricity by 2020.

However, the Conservative Party and environmental campaigners

have said the announcement lacks ambition.

Shadow energy and climate change secretary Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells, said: "FITs are essential to allow decentralised energy to play a major role in our energy mix, but Labour's proposals lack ambition."

"Ministers should have been bolder with this scheme so more jobs could have been created and greater emissions reductions achieved."

Mr Plater, who gives talks about microgeneration of renewable energy across Kent, said: "It is really not ambitious enough – Germany already generates two per cent of its electricity from solar.

"The key point about renewable energy and energy efficiency is they go together and you can deploy them in hundreds of thousands of places very quickly."

"It is much quicker than building huge power stations – nuclear or coal takes years and years and they are not going to help us achieve climate-change targets by 2020."

"And we are the last major country in Europe to bring FITs in. Germany has had one since 2000."

However, Mr Plater thought that FITs would make renewable energy systems such as PV panels more attractive to householders.

"There are other reasons people want it, but clearly money is an

important driver – being able to finance it matters and also feeling independent from energy companies."

"If you can generate three-quarters of electricity from your own roof you largely escape future price rises."

Initial installation costs were high, with panels costing £5,000 per kilowatt of capacity, he said.

People can receive grants from the Energy Saving Trust's low-carbon building scheme, but only until March this year. However, with the feed-in tariff income, and saving on electricity bills, it makes an attractive tax-free return on investment of eight to 10 per cent, which is better than most forms of savings account, the Kent Green Party said.



HEROES: The SSAFA is celebrating its 125th anniversary and wants your help to raise funds for ex-service personnel

125th birthday appeal to help Armed Forces

AN ORGANISATION that helps Armed Forces personnel is 125 years old this year.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) helps those currently in the military and servicemen who have left and are in need.

The Kent branch has unveiled a special campaign – SSAFA 125 – which is being launched with a service of celebration at Westminster Abbey on Thursday, February 18.

Suresh Khanna, the county's director of public affairs for the group, said: "To mark our 125th anniversary we are launching Target 125 and asking everyone to 'Be a Hero' and raise £125 for SSAFA Forces Help in 2010.

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"Every contribution will help us to meet our pledge to support our troops and their families, now and for the rest of their lives.

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"To date, 254 British servicemen and women have lost their lives in Afghanistan and this number increases by the day."

He said almost every parish in Kent had a connection with the Armed Forces so it was important to raise as much money as possible to provide service personnel with assistance.

He said: "Working in extremely dangerous and challenging circumstances, SSAFA Forces Help continues to provide our servicemen and women and their families with the practical support they need."

"Over the course of more than a century SSAFA has adapted and evolved to meet the changing needs of our Armed Forces."

The organisation was founded in 1885 to support troops and families of the second

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

expeditionary force to Egypt. One of its current patrons is Prince Michael of Kent.

As well as fatalities, many servicemen and women return home from war zones seriously wounded.

SSAFA's two recently-opened Norton Homes, in Birmingham and Ashstead, Surrey, allow injured troops to spend time with their loved ones away from the hospital environment where they are being treated, giving them the opportunity to do normal family things such as eat a meal together or simply watch a film.

David Culmer, chairman of the south-east London branch, said: "In Bromley and Bexley we are running events throughout the year – look out for our flag day on February 13 in supermarkets, our quiz night for Heroes on May 14, and our band concert in October."

To help, go to www.ssafaf125.org.uk or phone the Kent county secretary on 01580 891507.

- A castle ball is being held at Lympne Castle on Saturday, February 27, to raise money for the Help For Heroes charity.

Party-goers can explore the entire castle and tuck into a curry feast and crêperie. There will also be a live jazz band followed by a disco in the castle's grand ballroom.

Being raffled and auctioned on the night will be a pair of Andy Murray-signed shorts, artwork signed by the Kaiser Chiefs and signed CDs from Tom Jones, Sting and The Stereophonics, plus other celebrity items.

The chair has donated more than £23 million to help servicemen and women since its conception.

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ANDY SCOTT-CLARK

The deputy director of public health talks about his job and how health chiefs decide on what to spend their £1.2 billion budget



Tell us a little bit about yourself

I have worked in public health since 1996. I was appointed director of public health for Swale Primary Care Trust in 2002 and took over the role of deputy director of public health for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent on its inception on October 1, 2006.

I have a masters degree in public health and am listed on the UK public health register. I was born in New Zealand and I trained as a pharmacist in Wellington. I came to England in 1986 and, like many Kiwis, never made it back.

What's the population, geographical area and budget of NHS Eastern and Coastal?

The population of NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is some 710,000, covering the districts of Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway, Swale and Thanet. We have a budget of more than £1.2 billion and it's our job to work closely with the public and patients to identify their health needs.

How do you prioritise what's important for each area?

Our key priorities for the next five years include breaking the cycle of inequalities, revolutionising services for older people, tackling the key killers of vascular disease, cancer and respiratory disease, promoting well-being and good mental health and transforming the life chances of disadvantaged people.

What's the top priority at the moment?

Our top priority is currently the management of what could be a long and difficult winter.

YOUR LETTERS

Drab town leaves us nowhere to go

I WENT shopping in Dover, but how drab and terrible it looks with all the closed shops. Now the public toilets are being closed because of cost.

Where do the authorities expect older people or those with small children to go?

Surely there should be more toilets, not fewer. I used to love the town but will not shop there now.

Mrs D Sutton
Sandwich

Council attitude is an inconvenience

THE arrogance of Dover District Council in closing two public toilets without warning or consultation was no surprise.

For more than 25 years I have dealt with councils all over Kent. There was once a strong sense of public service, but this is now history and local government is a shadow of its former self.

It exists largely to serve itself, with insular, self-righteous officers who are ignorant of what goes on outside their offices.

Councillors talk of regeneration but practise only degeneration.

If a council cannot run public toilets, what chance is there of improvement in anything else?

Councillors are not standing up for the public interest.

The figure for running Dover's toilets at almost £80,000 a year demonstrates gross waste and



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incompetence in itself. The toilets could be run for a third of that if cleaners were employed direct.

Dover Town Council should have acted in the public interest at once – but it prefers to talk. Dover needs action, not excuses

about why there is no action.

If I were the mayor I would have offered immediately to keep the two toilets for the disabled going as a priority.

They only need a daily check to ensure they are safe and clean.

Councils spend too much on buildings and salaries. Dover Town Council has a large income and needs to do more than arrange social events to justify its existence.

Here is an opportunity to do something of real assistance for Dover, but I am pessimistic as Dover Town Council and Dover District Council are as bad as each other.

Dover needs leadership, with people of vision and some common sense, but I see no sign of it as officers and elected representatives see the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Dover has become a lawless and neglected place. It needs a dose of old-fashioned public service above self-interest and petty party politics, but I don't think we have people with such qualities to lead us and the decline will continue, which is so sad.

Graham Wanstall
Dover

Let's keep Queen's crucial port of call

THE most important port of HM Queen Elizabeth II in her monarchy is being sold off to foreigners for money – the most busy passenger port in the world.

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contemptible scandal of MPs' and Lords' unaccountable and tax-free expenses.

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That is the legacy you are leaving for your children, grandchildren and future generations.

Think! The Thatcher outfit sold off the public utilities for money "to give more competitive services, cheaper prices and more efficient services".

London's water, including that of Buckingham Palace, Parliament and the BBC, is so lucrative that the Germans would not sell it on to the Australians.

Foreign-owned UK electricity prices are so high that by switching from UK to French electricity the Channel Tunnel paid for that change of engineering in one year.

That is before you get to gas and railways.

Talking to people here, as well as to newspapers, the National Trust, radio and TV, unlike in France, very few people have heard of or are aware of the sale.

Just think: French ships use Dover port, P&O ships have been sold to the Arabs, and one day Dover port quay could be sold to foreigners.

Dover would no longer be British, which makes 'There will be blue birds over the White Cliffs of Dover, just you wait and see' quite a lot of balderdash.

E Pettigus
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K6 admirers want to ring the changes

OUR campaign is concerned at the neglected, sad state of many 'listed' K6 telephone kiosks in east Kent.

One of these is in Dover, overlooking the Eastern Docks.

All the faults and damage have been reported to BT over a two-year period, but these have still not been rectified.

This year is the 75th anniversary of the K6 kiosk, which was created in 1935 to celebrate the silver jubilee of King George V.

We have sent a list of neglected 'listed' K6s to BT Payphones to inform it that we will carry out these repairs in the spring if it continues to refuse to do so.

This would highlight its neglect and indifference in this special year towards our famous British icon.

The K6 overlooking Dover's Eastern Docks is of particular concern to us as thousands of people

see its sad, neglected state as they enter Britain.

If BT doesn't act, we shall do so in the public interest.

Dover District Council refuses to apply pressure to BT to make this 'listed' structure good.

Some bad councils are good in their heritage – sadly Dover District Council does not value its heritage even in such sensitive locations.

Graham Wanstell
Campaign To Save The K6 Jubilee Kiosk

UK funding will pay for French fancy

IF the truth is known, the cash that Calais is using to upgrade facilities for the Olympics ('Cheeky Calais keen to cash in', last week's Yourdover) is not from local money, but from the £700million-plus allocated to the Nord Pas de Calais region from European Union funding for 2007-2013.

As British taxpayers provide the bulk of all the EU's annual spending money, we are once again giving money outside of this country when it is desperately needed here.

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PAY a visit to Toy Town in the company of a children's favourite when Noddy returns to Kent.

Children all over the county have the chance to see the cheeky young chap and all his friends on stage in this colourful and exciting stage show.

With lots of songs and dances for the audience to join in, this is a fun-packed production for children of all ages. The tour also coincides with the 60th anniversary of Enid Blyton's enduringly popular creation.

It is the start of an exciting day in Toy Town because there is a special event lined up for the residents. Noddy and Tessie Bear are planning a sing-along, dance-along party.

The only people who are not welcome are the two naughty goblins, Sly and Gobbo, who cannot be trusted to behave well and not try to spoil everyone's enjoyment.

Armed with the Sound Sucker, another bizarre machine from Goblin Gizmos, the naughty pair set out to ruin the party. But their wicked plans could yet be thwarted by Noddy, who is determined to keep an eye on the goblins and make sure the day is not spoiled.

All the popular residents of Toy Town appear in the 90-minute show, including Mr Plod, Whiz the Robot, Bumpy Dog and Noddy's best friend, Big Ears. Together they invite all the children to take part in a fun-filled adventure that provides a great introduction to live theatre.

Noddy made his first appearance in 1949 and became an icon of children's literature, providing the perfect way for youngsters to discover Blyton's writing. During the 20-year period between his creation and Blyton's death, 154 books featuring Noddy were produced and there was a wealth of Noddy merchandise for fans to buy, from Noddy toothbrushes and soap to nightdresses and bedside lights.

The Noddy Live show can be seen at the Central Theatre, Chatham, on Sunday, February 21; the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, on Monday, April 12, and the Woodville Halls, Gravesend on Thursday, June 3.

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Will Jack have to climb the beanstalk once again and defeat another giant, or will Blunderbore and his henchman Igor prove too powerful this time? Fairy Stardust does her best to help, but Simple Simon and Tommy must try to help Jack save the day.

Packed with music and comedy, the show also features stage spots in which children from the audience try to win small prizes by taking part in games and songs.

The show starts at 2.30pm and tickets cost £5. To book, call 01843 296111/292795 or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

**EDEN NIGHTS DANCING**Sunday, March 7
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Heroes play all your new-wave favourites

LEADING tribute band Heroes will be celebrating the best of new wave, mod and ska music later this week.

The band plays hits by the likes of The Jam, The Clash, Blondie, Billy Idol and more. They will be appearing at The Archer in Sandwich Road, Whitfield, on Friday.

To find out more about the band go online at www.heroesnew.com. For details about the venue, phone the pub on 01304 825890.

Don't miss band if you feel like singing blues

HEAR the songs of Walter Trout and Freddie King played live when a new covers band rocks Dover.

The Jack Bates Band is a new-four piece that plays tunes by the likes of Rory Gallagher and The Meters. Find out more at www.myspace.com/thejackbatesband. See them at the Prince Albert in Biggin Street, Dover, at 9pm on Saturday. For more information about the venue, call the pub on 01304 204272.

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Two for price of one as Cera tackles double role

■ BY KATE WHITING

YOUTH In Revolt stars one of Hollywood's up-and-coming stars in Michael Cera, who's made his name through a string of geeky roles in Juno, Superbad and last year's Nick And Norah's Infinite Playlist.

At 21, Cera is no newcomer to the big screen – he's been acting since he was nine – but it was his role as High School student father Paulie Bleeker in Juno that made critics take notice. He was even nominated last year for the Bafta Orange Rising Star Award.

In Youth In Revolt, he plays strait-laced teen Nick Twisp, who has a taste for the finer things in life like Sinatra and Fellini.

On a family holiday, he falls for free-spirited Sheeni who eggs him on to create a rebellious French alter ego: Francois. Sporting a moustache and smoking, Francois takes Nick in an outrageous new direction, as he tries to win Sheeni's love.

Canadian Cera had long been a fan of author C.D. Payne, who wrote the book Youth In Revolt: The Journals Of Nick Twisp, on which the film is based, and was signed up to the project before Juno and Superbad even hit our screens.

"The book is really funny. It's got a really unique voice and it's gigantic, it takes months to read if you're a slow reader. I was around the age of Nick when I read it and I completely related to it," says Cera, with a half-smile.

"I related to the agony of not knowing what's going on and being obsessed with a girl and not having any control, which Payne wrote really perfectly."



ALTER EGO: Michael Cera as French Francois

When Nick meets Sheeni, he's feeling completely disillusioned about his mundane existence. Cera explains: "Nick doesn't have a great home life. His parents are divorced, his mother has an idiot boyfriend and his life is stagnant. He meets this girl who blows his mind and he feels he has to hang on to her."

Cera reportedly split from his actress girlfriend Charlyne Yi last summer after they co-

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starred in indie project Paper Heart. He says he can relate to the 'torment' Nick suffers through his love for the mysterious Sheeni.

"You never know what she feels about you or what she's really thinking. She's such a puzzle. That's really what I loved about the character. She's so well-depicted in the book."

Despite having to play two very different characters in the same film, Cera insists he didn't find this difficult. In fact, he loved the opportunity to play a naughty version of Nick.

"It was just a lot of fun to play. I wouldn't say it was hard, except for the technical tricks of it. I can't think of any challenges, except for trying to figure out how to play Francois initially, and what the voice was going to be like."

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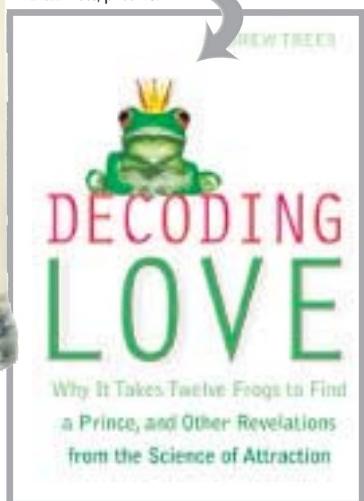
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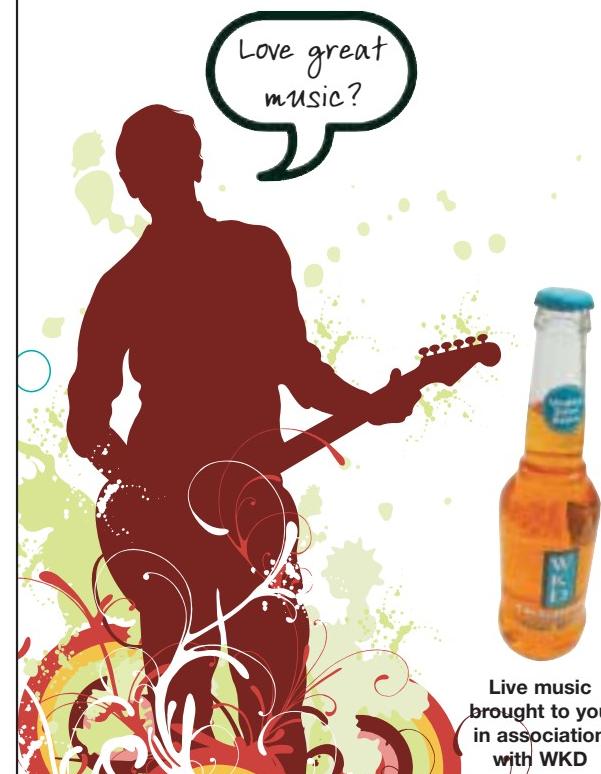
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Hip-hop title up for grabs, and ShyChlo is in running



■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

WHEN grime star Lady Sovereign entered the Big Brother house last month she left her 'queen of UK hip-hop' title and arguably her credibility at the door.

Pretenders to the throne are now intent on climbing the charts and claiming her crown.

One such would-be queen is Canterbury MC/producer ShyChlo.

The 22-year-old has drawn the interest of a number of industry movers and shakers since bursting on to the live scene in 2008 and looks certain to draw more attention with the release of her debut single Mental Confusion later this year.

ShyChlo said her success was down to her lyrics, which go beyond the tired hip-hop subjects of guns and violence.

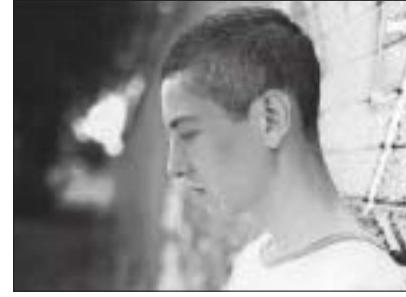
"I just write and say what I feel, going beyond the glitz and glamour of the stereotypical 'rags to riches' hip-hop, and focusing on issues like the struggles and peer pressures of today's youth – politics, religion and personal insecurities."

ShyChlo is something of a genre merger, drawing influences from UK hip-hop, rock, punk and funk.

It's this fusion that saw new independent record label Flickfinger Records sign up the young artist.

Co-founder Kieron Corcoran said: "ShyChlo has a very clever mix of UK hip-hop, rock and other musical styles.

"Her sound isn't affected by the US hip-hop scene and so it's unique."



LINE-UP: MC Devlin (above) and rapper XO Man (right) will be supporting ShyChlo (left) at the Hazlitt Theatre this weekend



"She's got a lot of great feedback through the MySpace page and the fanbase is growing really quickly."

ShyChlo will perform at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, on Friday, backed by her four-piece band.

Support on the night comes from Hugo Urban Rules-winning rapper XO Man and Dagenham-born grime MC Devlin.

For more information you can visit www.myspace.com/shychlomusic

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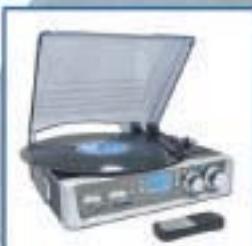
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

COMING OF AGE

BBC Three, 10.30pm, Tuesday

If ever there was a TV show from which not to take a comedic lead, then it's the never-not-appalling mess that is Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps.

Despite being one of the least funny sit-coms ever made it has now run for eight series, proving that someone out there must be watching it.

I didn't think it was possible for a show to be less funny or more moronic until I saw Coming Of Age, the latest BBC Three laugh-free zone, which is undeniably influenced by its bigger brother.

Here we meet our main characters – three lads and two girls who attend the local sixth-form college.

They dress like they've been sponsored by Topshop and talk as if they have been locked in a room listening to Fearne Cotton since the day they were born.

They think of little else but who's going out with whom, when they are next getting drunk, and, erm... no, actually, that's it.

One recent episode had one of the female leads, a frizzy-haired girl whose name I have blocked out through trauma, boasting of relieving herself in a pub car park because the toilets were locked or blocked.

The pub, by the way, was called The Beaver (geddit?!).

I hate this show – it makes me wonder why I am alive.

It is a terrible waste of time and may well have been written by 12-year-olds on their school lunch break between games of Pokemon and mouthfuls of cheese strings.

Yet, as much as I hate it, strangely I find myself drawn in.

I wonder if one day it will ever



NO LAUGHING MATTER: Joe Tracini plays DK in BBC Three's so-called sit-com Coming of Age

make me laugh, or if I'll ever see the point, or if a plotline will involve any kind of imagination other than the bleedin' obvious.

Three of the characters are just plain annoying, but they seem like two of the screen's great creations when compared with one of the others.

Darren, or DK, is an imbecile of the very highest order.

He's the kind of tracksuited village idiot who goes into a trance when somebody mentions 'boobs' or 'bum' and is what makes the whole sorry affair plunge through the bottom of the barrel and start tunnelling for Australia with a JCB.

I read that the first series of this abomination is available on DVD.

I'm planning to buy a copy and blow it up with TNT.

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BY RUSSELL GRANT



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YOU'LL get a divine opportunity to put your expertise to work this week. If you play your cards right you could become a renowned expert in your field. You have to admit that it will be lovely having your pick of job offers. A best friend or colleague may be jealous of your success.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

MONEY could be tight this week, which is really frustrating. You may not be able to afford all the things you have planned. Don't make lame excuses; be truthful. Friends won't judge you, but they will offer help, both emotional and financial. Accept the former and refuse the latter.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

PAYING off a debt gives you a feeling of pride. It also helps you to spend more time on the activities you love. In the past you may have had to work a couple of jobs to make ends meet. Now that your financial obligations have been fulfilled you can go back something you enjoy.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

PROVIDING stability for your loved ones is a noble endeavour. As a child, you may have been subject to an adult's wayward ways. Not knowing what was going to happen caused you a great deal of anxiety. Now you have an opportunity to create a nurturing environment for your family.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

AN ability to put your creative talent to practical use helps you to travel or study for very little money. Refrain from telling an authority figure what you really think of their methods. Yes, this person is really full of themselves, but they do have the power to hire or fire you.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A FACT-finding mission helps a good friend with their work. If you see someone struggling, offer to do some research on their behalf. It gives you so much satisfaction to offer practical assistance. It may be hard to control your temper with the person you are helping.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THIS is a good time to make a large-scale purchase of some kind. Your first priority should be finding products that are known to be durable. A flashy status symbol may be a big boost to your ego, but it will also dent your budget. Do a little research into which product is best.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

ALL your hard work is starting to pay off. Although you may not have followed the most secure route to success, you didn't let that stop you from pursuing your dream. However, now that you've achieved some success, a one-time friend has become jealous.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

TAKING a class will put you in contact with influential people. If you long to switch industries, you need to surround yourself with those who can further your interests. An egotistical teacher could rub you the wrong way. Fortunately, you don't have to study with this blowhard.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
MORAL integrity is the cornerstone to your success. While your competitors may cut corners or make false claims to attract business, you refuse to stoop that low. Granted, it may take longer for you to attract business, but eventually the public will recognise that you're the best.

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Tenerife is your paradise found

■ BY HANNAH STEPHENSON

TENERIFE is known as a tourist hot spot sullied by over-development and bad behaviour by visitors.

The island, however, wants a new reputation to lure discerning travellers to its sun-kissed shores.

The largest of the Canary Islands off the coast of north-west Africa, this Spanish isle has a temperate climate year round, rivalling destinations like Dubai and The Gambia for weather, with shorter flights from Britain.

A smattering of exclusive hotels is emerging on the west coast, far from the all-night partying of Playa de las Americas and neighbouring Los Cristianos, where apartments go so far inland they swamp the surrounding hills.

Away from all that is the five-star Sensatori Resort on the outskirts of the village of Alcala, further up the coast, around 10 minutes' drive from the dramatic cliffs of Los Gigantes in the west.

It's here that I discovered a true taste of paradise, taking in the stunning 260m infinity pool, the largest in Europe, the shimmering Atlantic and the neighbouring island of La Gomera.

At Sensatori, the stunning rooms, marble flooring, sparkling chandeliers, fountains, designer decor and dramatic sculptures can take your breath away.

Bag a villa in its Red Level area and you get a butler and private pool within your tropical garden, and an outdoor double bed under a thatched canopy.

At the Sensatori's Michelin-starred Calima restaurant, where chef Dani Garcia is a bit of a celebrity, our 12-course taster menu began with delicious dry-ice cocktails and included delicacies such as foie gras, oysters and truffle cake, accompanied by fine wines, some produced locally.

But it's not only the hotels that are falling over backwards to spruce up this island.

Connection

Last year, Siam Park, a water park, opened in the south, boasting the biggest artificial waves in the world at nearly 10ft high. Its surrounding beach is created with tons of silky white sand imported from Portugal.

We hired a private cabana within the park, with its own balcony overlooking the wave pool, to allow us the luxury of a safe TV, DVD and Wi-Fi connection, plus mini-bar, comfortable loungers and an outside shower. If you want a similar package for four, including entrance, fast-track queuing and limited all-inclusive deal in restaurants and bars, it costs a cool 400 euros (£360).

Ecological measures are also being stepped up to save what is left of Tenerife's natural beauty.

Nearly a decade ago, virtually anyone could – and did – take a



LAP OF LUXURY: Enjoy some sun-kissed serenity at the Sensatori Resort near Alcala

boat from Los Cristianos to watch whales and dolphins. Many beautiful creatures were surrounded by boats, with tourists happily snapping away.

Under new rules, boats must be licensed and are carefully monitored to stop whales and dolphins from becoming distressed. The marine guide on our charter said

that this had driven away unscrupulous operators.

Tenerife is still home to all-night party-goers, English pubs and bacon-and-eggs breakfasts after a heavy night.

But if all you want is peace, quiet and serenity in the ultimate tropical setting all year, it may be closer than you ever imagined.

FACT FILE: TENERIFE

Time difference	0 hours (GMT)
Language	Spanish
Capital	Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Population	900,000
Currency	Euro
Religion	Catholic

Travel Facts

Hannah Stephenson was a guest of Thomson Holidays, which offers seven nights' full board at five-star Sensatori Tenerife in 2010 from £758 per adult (two sharing), including flights ex-Gatwick, transfers and fuel supplement.

Thomson also goes to Tenerife via Luton, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle and Bristol.

Thomson reservations: 0871 236 5596 and www.thomson.co.uk.

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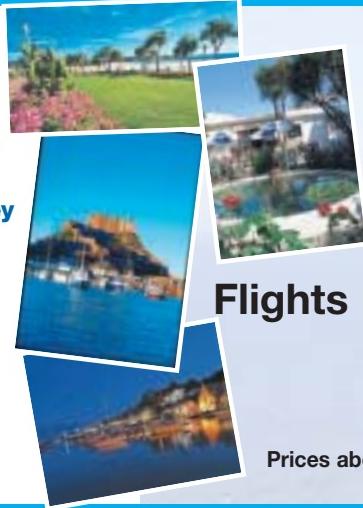
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Off-plan property sales are through the roof

THERE is nothing a builder likes more than to sell a home before it's actually built, and that's exactly what Hillreed is currently enjoying at Greenway, Kings Hill, near Maidstone.

Dean Markall, sales and marketing director at Hillreed, said: "Such is the desire to purchase property, most of the homes in our 'Farmyard' complex at Greenway, are reserved or sold and that is before we have even got the roofs on."

"Buying off plan enables astute buyers to hold the prices at 2009 levels which make financial sense."

"The building societies are still reporting house prices rising month on month, albeit slowly over November, but nevertheless they are on an upward trajectory. We anticipate a healthy market in 2010 which is great news for those who have already invested in bricks and mortar."

Kent to get extra help to prevent repossessions

A KENT MP has welcomed news of extra government help for those facing repossession.

South Thanet Labour member Dr Steve Ladyman said he was pleased about the extra help to tackle house repossession in Thanet.

John Healey, minister for housing said Thanet is among 56 repossession hot spot areas in the UK being targeted for extra help.

Dr Ladyman said: "I am delighted the minister has recognised the need for extra help for Thanet. Thousands of people have already been helped by the Government at this difficult time but there are still people in Thanet having trouble keeping up the mortgage and good, independent advice is vital for them."

Others areas in Kent to benefit are Dartford, Gravesham and Medway.

Nearly 88,000 people have gone to www.direct.gov.uk/mortgagelhelp since its launch in September, over 26,000 of whom have used it to develop personal action plans tailored to their individual circumstances.



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THE FRENCH IDYLL: For many British people the typical rustic French farmhouse remains at the top of their list when they are looking to invest or live in a home abroad



What you should know about buying abroad

KENT'S potential investors in overseas properties will do well to check out homes in France and Italy this year as two of the most stable markets.

The National Association of Estate Agents International said that, as always, any potential profits to be made will be down to the strength of sterling.

It said purchasers should look at what it called 'less risky' investments and in particular towards the more stable markets such as France and Italy.

But for the very best bargains, buyers should try Spain or Turkey, where the former has seen spectacular falls in property prices during the past 18 months.

But the association predicts prices will remain stable in the first quarter of 2010, so purchasers should consider making cash offers by March to secure a bargain in any of these countries.

And experts predict the balance of supply and demand will stabilise once house prices pick up and the pound strengthens against the euro.

Linda Travella, spokeswoman on Italy at NAEA International said: "After a slow start to the year, the last quarter of 2009 saw sales and interest returning to the international market, with Italy being considered a safer investment than many other markets around the world.

"As always, the strength of the pound will

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

have a significant bearing on the quality and quantity of sales, and this year it looks to stay at the same strength.

"Even though the UK appears to have fallen behind other economies in the race out of recession and economic recovery, sterling has held pretty firm against the single European currency, trading two to three cents either side of 1.10 during the second half of last year.

"For the first quarter of 2010 the number of international buyers is expected to remain low and therefore offers are more likely to be accepted making it a very good time to purchase an overseas property.

"However by late spring, property prices are expected to increase by three to five per cent. Key areas to invest in include Tuscany, Le Marche and the Lakes of Maggiore and Garda, where good deals can be found if you buy sensibly."

And Des Rowson, spokesman on Spain, added: "It has seen a difficult 12 months on the sales front as buyers have been particularly reticent about purchasing during an economic downturn.

"Bargains are available but remember, price reflects position and quality. Unfortunately the coming year will not change too much until we see the pound strengthening and clients accepting that the registered agents do know what purchasers are prepared to pay."

Top 10 tips for buying abroad from www.mortgages.co.uk

- Never sign a contract that you do not understand (for example - if it is in a foreign language).
- Seek specialist advice from independent solicitors, architects and surveyors who know the country's laws.
- Ensure you do not inherit a debt on the property before you purchase, which a solicitor should be able to check - some developers borrow money against the plot to raise finance.
- Always give yourself a 'cooling off' period if you see a 'must-have property' and are tempted to put down a deposit.
- If you are arranging finance on the property, ensure in any contract and you have an 'opt-out clause' if a loan is not agreed.
- Try to arrange your mortgage finance 'in principle', before agreeing to purchase the property or pay a deposit.
- Arrange your mortgage in the currency that you earn in where possible, unless you'll receive rental in local currency.
- Think about combining your cash with friends or family: it could bring a villa with pool within your financial reach.
- Check with the estate agent or vendor that you are aware of the costs charged by the legal and government authorities for purchasing a property. Remember that bills do not end at the asking price.
- Open a bank account in your chosen country and ensure you get a Certificate of Importation for the money you bring in from your home country. Set up standing orders in a local bank account to meet bills and taxes. Failure in some countries will land you in court.

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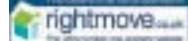
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FOLKESTONE £129,995

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- Needs modernisation
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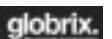
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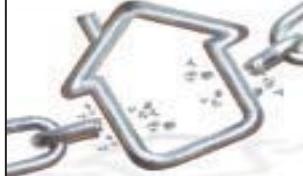
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Wingham £375,000

Deceptively spacious listed home, boasting charm, character and wealth of period features. Four bedrooms, parking, fitted kitchen, dining room. Sitting room, en-suite, cellar.



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Ash £369,995

Four/Five bed det family home, spacious living accomm comp, hall, living & dining room, kit/break room, gfl bath & 5th bed/study, en-suite & family bathroom, DG, GFCH, GGE & ORP.



Sandwich £220,000

Poplar location, three bedroom semi, well presented, garage and parking, DG and GFCH, living room, fitted kitchen, gfl WC, rear garden with stream dividing lawned access.



Nonington £369,000

A well presented detached four bedroom family home with living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, gfl WC, en-suites, double garage with guest suite/studio above, study, GD and GFCH.



Worth £165,000

End terrace cottage, living/Dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, two bedrooms, bathroom, generous sized rear garden, workshop/shed, driveway. Double-glazing, gas-fired central heating.



Sandwich £220,000

3 bed detached home situated within a cul de sac, living room/dining room, kitchen, timber conservatory, garage and driveway, garden with workshop. Would benefit from modernisation.



Monkton £214,995

Lovely Period Property, 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite & Family Bathroom, Gardens Front & Rear, Off Road Parking, Village Location



Eastray £199,950

Deceptively spacious four bedroom semi like a 'showroom' inside lounge, conservatory, kitchen, two bathrooms, utility room, 47' x 30' rear garden, double glazing and gas central heating.



Eastray £235,000

2 bedroom detached bungalow in popular village location, recently fitted kitchen, living room, conservatory, front and rear gardens, ORP, Garage and GFCH.



Deal £295,000

Four bedroom semi detached character home, two reception rooms, kitchen breakfast room, gfl WC, off road parking, wealth of character, sought after location, no chain.



Eastray £139,950

Pretty one bedroom end of terrace cottage with living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, appliances to remain, ground floor bathroom, garden to rear. Ideal for first time buyer. No Onward Chain!



Eastray £175,000

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Wingham £159,000

Retirement cottage situated in the desirable village location. 2 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, recently fitted kitchen, bathroom and en-suite to the master, off road parking, no chain, call to view.

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MATCH OF THE DAY! Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 **T**

MAKE IT LAST Slim female, 25, 5ft10+, long brown hair and blue eyes, caring and social, likes clubs, cinemas, seeking a kind male, 30-45 for a relationship. Box 446158 **T**

LOOKIN 4 A GUY WHO'S EASY ON THE EYES! Slim old female, 5ft8, medium-curvy build, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTM tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644 **T P**

NOT YOUR BROWNEYED GIRL, BUT... Blue-eyed blonde, 27, 5ft1, loves walks, walking, darts, pool, singing, my time! Looking for a loving and caring male for a LTR. Ashford, Box 460684 **T**

EASY TO LOVE Lovely African female, 39, 5ft4, likes football, socialising, cinema, and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male for a LTR. Ashford, Box 460686 **T**

WANNA RIDE WITH YOU Curvaceous lady, 40, 5ft8, long curly hair, into motorbikes! Single mum, seeks fun-loving bike for rides into the sunset. Eastbourne. Box 458787 **T**

SOUND GOOD? Social lady, 29, likes walks, swimming, yogh, like to meet a man, 30-55 for lots of fun. Brighton. Box 463984 **T**

FANCY A Cuddle? Loving single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5ft3, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury, Box 464326 **T**

COULD I BE THE ONE? Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone, Box 448435 **T**

HORSES FOR COURSES... Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2+, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **T**

A FAIRYTALE ENDING! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 477957 **T**

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5ft4, size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells, Box 380734 **T**

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 **T**

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wiring and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **T**

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring, I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164 **T**

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **T**

HISTORIC MEETING? Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **T**

SEIZE THE DAY Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeking a fun male for company. Sheerness. Box 461145 **T**

CUTE AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, from most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 **T**

FAMILY ORIENTED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, medium build, I'm a single mum! and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034 **T**



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A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE Lovely, glossy blonde, 39y old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out. WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **T P**

CALL ME Single Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells. I'm easygoing and fun loving and WLTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481 **T**

TLK ON OFFER Bubbly, happy, outgoing 41yr old female, enjoys life to the full, like writing, walking, watching DVDs, WLTM like-minded, happy-go-lucky, clean male for friendship and more. Box 459271 **T**

TAKE A LITTLE TIME Social lady, 41, 5ft3, gosh, like family life, going out, cinema, walks, staying in, seeking a fun male for company. Sheerness. Box 461145 **T**

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452016 **T**

LOVE IS ALL AROUND Happy-go-lucky, bubbly blonde, 42, blonde eyes, hard-working, love outtings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley, Box 454517 **T**

FAMILY ORIENTED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, medium build, I'm a single mum! and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034 **T**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes dark bowling, eating in/out etc, looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 454368 **T**

ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 443637 **T**

DOS THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5ft4+. Box 461129 **T**

STAY TRUE Attractive, curvy single mum, 18, 44, kind, genuine, 55+, loyal, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea, Box 461830 **T**

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea, Box 451912 **T**

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449324 **T**

THE RIGHT FIT Big lady (51), looking for decent, genuine man. I'm attractive, and very loving so go on, give me a try! I like cooking and family life. Box 482688 **T**

MAKING HIGH 6ft blonde aerobics instructor, female, 43, seeking decent, tall, fit male for companionship, hopefully leading to a relationship in my spare time (mainly afternoons). Box 446102 **T**

PISCES OR CAPRICORN? Star-sign lady, 55, 5ft3, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea; WLTM tall with good heart for love. Box 448240 **T**

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5ft9, slim build, seeking a man who's a match for me with gosh for relationship. Box 441622 **T**

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall with good heart for love. Box 449324 **T**

JUST IMAGINE Petite, blonde, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 449194 **T**

CARING & PROFESSIONAL Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 441001 **T**

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, blonde, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **T**

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gosh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 **T**

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Box 806058 **T**

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde/brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent, Box 464100 **T**

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for someone to be handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, Worldly Man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113 **T**

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield, Box 883410 **T**

TAKE IT EASY Maidstone female, 47, looking for someone just for initial company and friendship. Many interests including gardening, cooking and shopping. Box 446493 **T**

A REAL DIAMOND African lady, 47, honest, loving and caring, enjoys most things in life, looking for a male, 50+, for a LTR. Canterbury Box 460999 **T**

NORMAL GAL Female, 48, divorced, happy, looking for the one, friendship, laughter, looking for smart, genuine, kind tall honest man, age under 50 is all I ask. Maidstone. Box 866380 **T**

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS? Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863 **T**

TRUE ROMANCE Fun loving lady, honest, sincere and trust-worthy, 41yrs old and looking for fun, maybe romance with an honest, sincere woman. I like nights out etc. Whitstable, Box 464494 **T**

LET'S FIND OUT! Hi, I'm a fun-loving, kind, passionate lady, 44, 5ft5, with a wicked sense of humour, looking for friendship and what ever evolves from there. Kent. Box 877446 **T**

GIRL TO GIRL Looking for a female to have some fun with. I'm a 47yr old woman, brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, GOSH and I'm friendly. Margate area. Box 859781 **T**

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MEN seeking women

OUT AND ABOUT Bubbly male, 33 looking for a fun lady to go out with, like clubs, meals out, the usual things. Gillingham, Box 465643 **T**

SIT IN Genuine male, I enjoy football, pub, cosy nights, I'm 32, 6ft1, medium build, tall dark hair, glasses, cinema, travel abroad, seeking happy young people. Box 448795 **T**

MAKE A NEW FRIEND Fun-loving lady, 58, 5ft4, dark hair, single mum! Likes countryside walks, reading, cooking and cosy nights in. Similar male. Folkestone. Box 464020 **T**

SMART MOVE Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar partner for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854 **T**

DOG LOVER Lovely lady of 58, 5ft7, medium build, blonde hair, a hairdresser, likes art galleries, theatre, cinema and painting, seeks male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 **T**

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 55-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester, Box 460686 **T**

LOVE ME TENDER Fun-loving honest guy, 34, 5ft11, brown hair, seeking honest, caring female for friendship, maybe leading to honest, tender relationship. Eastbourne. Box 446200 **T**

TO THE FUTURE! Well-built male, 44, looking for a female for friendship and fun, let's start the summer not being single and with a smile! Box 883622 **T**

HAND IN HAND Easygoing male, 57, would like to meet someone to share good and bad times, finding that special person to be with soul mates. Folkestone. Box 861243 **T**

FEELS LIKE HOME Self employed professional male, 54, tall, divorced, seeks female for friendship+ Box 180307 **T**

A CLASSIC CASE Respectable gentleman, 57, 5ft11, medium build, no belly, clean shaven! Likes classic cars, meals out, walks, WLTM nice lady to share them with. Box 446568 **T**

LOOKING FOR MY LADY Active guy, young 47, professional, likes the theatre, the countryside and photography, loves travelling, hoping to meet a mature warm hearted lady for life-long romance. Sittingbourne. Box 860916 **T**

LOVE ME TOO Happy-go-lucky male, 36, 6ft2, GOSH, large build, blue eyes/brown hair, likes socialising, relaxing weekends, loves children; seeks caring, honest female for TLC and love. Box 384903 **T**

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a down to earth green eyed lady. I have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GOSH...Hastings. Box 862026 **T**

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MOTORS NEWS



Black Edition marks 40 years on for 'Z' legend

NISSAN is celebrating 40 years of its legendary 'Z' sports car series with a Black Edition of the current standard bearer, the 370Z.

It is the latest in a line started by the then Datsun 240Z and still uses the classic rear-wheel drive layout preferred for sports cars. The Black Edition (from £33,645) is available to order now, in coupé form only, for April delivery.

It features unique red leather and suede interior with embossed 40th Anniversary logo seats and other premium features.



Sportage ready to step from RAV4's shadow

IF Kia's current Sportage is seen as a cut-price alternative to the increasingly expensive Toyota RAV4, its forthcoming replacement deserves recognition as a smart new model in its own right.

It is a fresh and sporty design blending the key features of a sports utility vehicle – commanding driving position and raised ground clearance.

The Korean marque says the new Sportage will arrive latter this year with a "highly competitive diesel and petrol engine line-up".



Skoda continues to help you save on a new buy

SKODA has extended its 'No-VAT' offer across all Octavia, Fabia and Roomster models, with a potential saving of up to £3,400. Instead of closing at the end of January, this deal continues with orders up to 31 March.

It means the popular Fabia supermini still costs from just £7,870 – saving up to £2,100 and including the eco-friendly Greenline (pictured) – while the award-winning Octavia range that played a major role in the marque's revival is available from just £10,526.



A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER: Mazda has opted for a lighter and lower design rather than premium-priced 'eco' models epitomised by their smart tax saving new-look Mazda3

Mazda's 'lighter and lower' philosophy is looking good

ROAD TEST MAZDA3

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

the nimbleness of the car. So, with a typically crisp Mazda gearshift and direct steering plus a more than adequate 109bhp under the bonnet, this is a company or private buy that is easy to live with in all situations.

It cannot quite match the latest VW Golf for refinement, but is a more cost-effective option, to be judged more against the ubiquitous Ford Focus and latest Vauxhall Astra.

It looks leaner and more muscular than its rather frumpy predecessor and the cabin echoes the impressive Mazda6 in layout, style and quality, though rear legroom is only average for the sector.

Having driven most engines in the line-up now, test driving the well-equipped TS2 version of the 'cooking' diesel confirmed it as the 'go to' model for most buyers. By comparison, the 105bhp 1.6-litre petrol needs a lot of gearshifting to make progress, though still a rewarding drive.

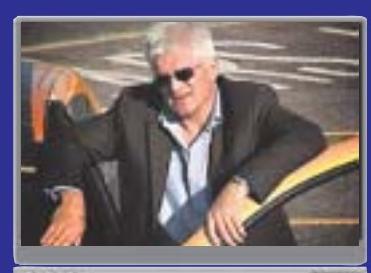
For those who like the look of the '3', but crave more thrills, Mazda has also just launched the MPS hot hatch version (£21,500).

Arriving within months of the mainstream line-up this 257bhp turbocharged 2.3-litre petrol model can hit 62mph in just 6.1seconds and wears a bodykit to complement its good looks.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S five-door city car shows that a highly space-efficient interior does not have to result in a utilitarian exterior. The compact Italian is also decent to drive, cheap to insure and costs peanuts to run. The original Panda of the 1980s was also cheap and cheerful, but didn't feature the cutting-edge technology and better build of its modern day counterpart. A lively turbodiesel – averaging more than 65mpg – and a rugged little 4x4 option only add to the Panda's attractions.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 107



PEUGEOT'S smallest model is the best-seller of a joint venture three and five-door city car project that also spawned the Toyota Aygo and Citroën C1. All come from the same production line in the Czech Republic and, with minor styling tweaks, are modern, stylish, cheap to run and reliable. Launch prices were not as cheap as expected, but robust new car sales and second-hand values indicate that the public is willing to pay to save money and the planet.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

MINI D



USED values for the frugal yet lively diesel version of BMW's reborn Mini are steep, but the rewards are worth it; the car drives well, oozes class, will save money while you run it and be worth more when you sell. The downside is a relatively cramped interior in comparison with its exterior – the antithesis of its all-British forebear – and rarity when buying. A late 'Mark II' petrol version with BMW's eco-friendly 'Efficient Dynamics' package is a possible alternative though.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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DRIVING FORCE: Dover ran out easy winners over Thanet

FOOTBALL

Broken leg leads to match abandoned

Deal Town A Sevenoaks Town A

DEAL Town and Sevenoaks Town will meet again this weekend to replay their Kent Senior Trophy quarter-final following the abandonment of last Saturday's game at the Oatmor-Harris Stadium.

Deal's Josh Davidson left the ground in an ambulance after suffering an horrific double leg fracture, thanks to a challenge which merited the afternoon's third red card.

With the game less than half an hour old, both sides had already been reduced to ten men with Roy Godden departing for his part in an off-the-ball incident which also saw the visitors lose Tony Webb.

As the sides waited for a corner to be delivered, Webb appeared to elbow Godden, who in turn stamped on Webb, leaving referee Kevin Welsh no option but to dismiss the pair.

Up to that point, the game had failed to spark as both sides cancelled each other out, but the afternoon was suddenly soured as Sevenoaks' Joe Minter launched himself at Davidson, who was left in agony on the floor.

Minter was shown a straight red card and the crack of Davidson's bones was heard around the ground.

Even once the ambulance had arrived to take him to Margate Hospital, paramedics took a further 30 minutes to ensure no further damage was done.

Initial fears that the blood circulation to Davidson's feet would be cut off were soon eased, but the defender remains in hospital and is certain to face a lengthy spell on the sidelines.

Both sides are already playing catch-up on those around them and next Saturday's scheduled league fixtures have now been switched to accommodate the cup tie.

Deal were in action last night as they entertained Faversham Town in the Kent League, looking to extend their five-game unbeaten run. Log on to www.yourdeal.co.uk for match details.



RETURN: Deal host replay



DEBUT: New loan signing Dan Leach impressed Dover boss Andy Hessenthaler with an assured performance in the heart of the defence, but up front Shaun Welford was unable to break the deadlock



Pictures SIMON HARRIS

Hess left frustrated after Whites' tepid Bath display

DOVER boss Andy Hessenthaler felt his side missed a chance to boost their play-off hopes after Saturday's goalless draw at high-flying Bath City.

The Whites dominated the possession and created the majority of the chances, but were unable to find the cutting edge needed to find the net.

Shaun Welford skewed an early header wide and that was followed by Olly Schulz's goal-bound header which was cleared off the line by Chris Holland. Goalkeeper Ross Flitney was rarely troubled in the first-half and Dover felt hard done by having not taken a lead into the break.

Bath made a better start to the second-half and Danny Walder's last minute goal-saving tackle managed to keep the score at 0-0.

The visitors responded well and striker Adam Birchall was twice denied by goalkeeper Ryan Robinson. Hakeem Adelakun and Wallis both forced impressive saves from Robinson, as a dominant Dover had to settle for a point. The draw means Dover remain third in the league.

Hessenthaler said: "I think looking at the

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Bath City 0

Dover Athletic 0

game it was a missed chance for us as we dominated the game. We had plenty of chances, but we just couldn't put them away.

"Adam Birchall had two great chances, but he just couldn't finish them. On the whole though it is a good result when you look at Bath's home record. They have managed to beat Woking and we more than matched them."

The Dover boss handed debuts to two new loan signings, central defender Daniel Leach and right-sided player Michael Abnett and was impressed with their performances.

The pair have agreed to one-month loan deals at Crabble with Leach joining from League Two side Barnet and Abnett coming from

Dover starting XI



Subs used: Adelakun (Walder 62), Rogers (Hill 74), Abnett (Birchall 74)

Championship side Crystal Palace. Dover have been trying to sign Leach for some time and could extend his deal if he continues to impress.

Hessenthaler said: "Both of them did very well. We needed cover with the injuries we've got at the club. You could tell Leach is a class act the moment the game began. At the moment it is only a month loan, but I would like to extend it. It all depends on Barnet manager Ian Hendon and whether he needs him."

Elsewhere at the club, central defender Craig Cloke has joined Ryman South side Ashford Town on a one-month loan in a bid to aid his recovery from injury.



Cugley philosophical over Invicta's off-field setback

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Walton Casuals 0



Folkestone Invicta 1

J Everitt 86

DESPITE a points penalty hanging over their heads it was business as usual for Folkestone Invicta's players on Saturday as James Everitt's late goal secured a hard-fought win at Walton Casuals.

An arrangement with creditors was formally agreed by Invicta's shareholders at a meeting on Friday, which gives the club some stability off the pitch.

The downside is the inevitable points penalty for briefly going into administration which, when it is confirmed, will wipe out the Seasiders' lead at the top of the Ryman South.

Invicta boss Neil Cugley was frustrated to see the squad's hard work eroded, but pointed out it could have been much worse.

He said: "It's a shame, we're bitterly disappointed to have ten points taken away from us.

"Like all these things the wrong people get punished – the players, the fans and the coach-



WINNER: James Everitt scored his sixth goal of the season to give Folkestone Invicta victory at Walton Casuals

ing staff – who have done nothing incorrect.

"It was very pleasing to win on Saturday because the players knew the situation. Nothing's changed, we'll just target as many points as we can get before the end of the season.

"In some ways I'm pleased because we can carry on long term. The fear was starting all over again in the Kent League so I suppose we shouldn't be too disappointed.

Invicta's eighth 1-0 win of the season was

Folkestone Invicta starting XI



Subs used: Williams (Dickson 75), Spiller (Austin 82)

ground out against a struggling Casuals side which showed little attacking intent, seeking instead to stifle the visitors.

Both goalkeepers were busy in the first-half without over-extending themselves.

The sum of Invicta's efforts before the break were two shots from Simon Austin which failed to trouble Walton stopper Chico Ramos.

Folkestone's Jack Delo made one smart save to keep the scores level at the start of the second-half, before James Everitt hit the wood-work with a shot from the edge of the box.

The striker finally broke the deadlock four minutes from time, tapping home after Frankie Chappell headed Jimmy Jackson's free-kick back across goal.

Lee Spiller also made a late substitute appearance, his first since recovering from a long-term knee injury, to add vital strength in depth to Invicta's slender squad.

Cugley's side visited fellow promotion hopefuls Godalming Town last night, log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the details.

Whitstable visit Cheriton Road on Saturday.

LEAGUE TABLES

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Newport County	26	19	6	1	+11	63
2 Thurrock	27	13	7	7	+9	46
3 Dover Athletic	28	13	6	9	+10	45
4 Woking	27	13	6	8	+8	45
5 Chelmsford City	28	13	6	9	+3	45
6 Staines Town	28	11	11	6	+13	44
7 Braintree Town	24	11	10	3	+10	43
8 Eastleigh	26	12	0	8	+20	42
9 Bath City	27	11	9	7	+11	42
10 Bromley	28	12	6	10	+5	42
11 Welling United	27	11	6	10	+5	39
12 Basingstoke Town	28	11	5	12	-10	38
13 Havant & Waterlooville	24	9	9	6	0	36
14 St Albans City	27	10	5	12	-7	35
15 Bishop's Stortford	28	9	7	12	-8	34
16 Maidenhead United	25	8	8	9	+2	32
17 Dorking Town	28	8	7	13	-14	31
18 Hampton & Richmond Borough	23	6	11	10	-10	24
19 Worcester City	26	5	7	14	-7	22
20 Lewes	27	4	10	13	-15	22
21 Weymouth	27	4	5	18	-39	17
22 Weston-super-Mare	27	4	4	19	-24	16

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Folkestone Invicta	24	17	5	2	+20	56
2 Croydon Athlete	24	14	6	4	+28	48
3 Farnham	25	15	3	7	+21	48
4 Worthing	25	13	3	9	+45	45
5 Godalming Town	22	13	3	6	+15	41
6 Walton & Hersham	25	12	5	8	+6	41
7 Dulwich Hamlet	26	9	10	7	+5	37
8 Burgess Hill Town	24	10	6	8	+4	36
9 Chatham Town	27	11	3	13	-10	36
10 Sittingbourne	22	10	5	7	+14	35
11 Horsham YMCA	27	8	11	8	+5	35
12 Ransgate	24	9	7	8	0	34
13 Corinthian-Casuals	25	10	3	12	-7	33
14 Merstham	25	9	6	10	-8	33
15 Eastleigh	22	9	3	10	+8	30
16 Wokingham	24	9	3	12	-2	30
17 Metropolitan Police	23	7	7	9	+4	28
18 Walton Casuals	25	6	6	13	11	24
19 Chipstead	26	6	6	14	-14	24
20 Whittlesey Town	24	6	2	16	-33	20
21 Eastbourne Town	26	3	9	14	-29	18
22 Ashford Town	23	2	8	13	-34	14

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Faversham Town	17	13	2	2	+30	41
2 Herne Bay	15	11	1	3	+16	34
3 Erith & Belvedere	17	9	2	6	+3	29
4 Hythe Town	14	8	4	2	+25	28
5 Erith Town	14	7	3	4	+8	24
6 Beckenham Town	16	7	3	6	+8	24
7 Sevenoaks Town	14	7	3	4	+6	24
8 Greenwich Borough	16	6	5	5	0	23
9 Deal Town	14	6	4	4	-2	22
10 Tunbridge Wells	18	5	7	6	-5	22
11 Blue Square South - Brimstone Town v Dover Athletic; Ryman Division One South - Folkestone Invicta v Whitleybeach; Kent League Premier Division - Hythe Town v Beckenham Town; Kent Senior Trophy quarter-final; Deal Town v Sevenoaks Town	19	5	4	10	-22	19
12 Norton Sports	14	5	1	8	-5	16
13 Holmesthorpe	16	4	2	10	-7	14
14 Corinthian	16	3	3	10	-16	12
15 Fisher	18	3	3	12	-21	12
16 Lordwood	14	1	5	8	-18	8

FIXTURES

(Saturday) Blue Square South - Brimstone Town v Dover Athletic; Ryman Division One South - Folkestone Invicta v Whitleybeach; Kent League Premier Division - Hythe Town v Beckenham Town; Kent Senior Trophy quarter-final; Deal Town v Sevenoaks Town

RUGBY



Picture PHIL COOPER

YOUNG GUN: Chris Petley caps good display with try

Teen sensation gives Folkestone platform to make semi-finals

Folkestone 49 Whitstable 0

FOLKESTONE romped into the regional semi-finals of the Senior Vase with an impeccable display against fellow London 3 South East side Whitstable.

Lee Jeffery's side marched on even when reduced to 11 men at one stage, running in nine tries without conceding a single point.

The game's first score came quickly when Joe Hull disrupted a Whitstable scrum on their five-metre line, winning the ball back and finding Scott Stewart who dived over. Minutes later the score was doubled in similar fashion, breaking up a Whitstable scrum, with Adam Tolman striding over.

Teenager Chris Petley, who was outstanding all afternoon, added the conversion.

The hosts were quickly out of sight with a third try. Jon Mapp bulldozed his way through several tackles before releasing Ben Brooks, who sprinted clear to score. Petley added the extras.

Folkestone ran in three more tries before half-time, taking a 34-0 lead. Estonian prop Taavi Ermel scored his first try for the club, while Tolman and Ollie Brooks also touched down to punish Whitstable's mistakes.

Folkestone's disciplinary problems began after the break, when Scott Stewart was sent off for attempted retaliation.

It failed to inspire Whitstable to make a breakthrough and the lead was even extended through Richard Lama after more good work from Petley.

Mat Roots, John Eustace and Ollie Brooks all spent time in the sin bin in the second-half, but remarkably it failed to disrupt the home side's dominance. Petley, only 18, took charge of the game in the final 20 minutes, creating one try for Jack McMurray and scoring the final try himself. The Stones return to league action this weekend when they host leaders Heathfield & Waldron.



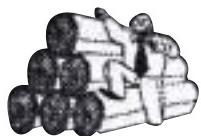
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